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RE: **United States Patent Application S.N. 10/645,158 filed August 21, 2003**  
**"Arrangement for a Combined Greeting Card and Audio Visual**  
**Component"**  
***Our File: 5-0117-017***

Ron:

Enclosed please find your patent file for the invention referenced above. The application became abandoned on January 7, 2005 for failure to file a response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 7, 2004 (see our letters of December 8, 2004; November 1, 2004; October 1, 2004; August 23, 2004; and July 23, 2004.) Enclosed is a copy of our Request to Withdraw in this matter.

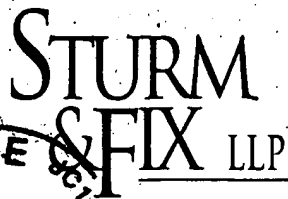
It was a pleasure working with you on this matter, and if I can ever be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

William H. Wright

WHW:cc

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December 8, 2004

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**Re: United States Patent Application S.N. 10/645,158; Filing Date August 21, 2003; and Entitled "An Arrangement For A Combined Greeting Card and Audio/Visual Component"**  
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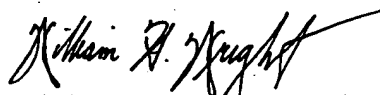
Dear Mr. Harlick:

On November 1, 2004, we wrote to you regarding an Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office with respect to the above identified application. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your convenience.

Since we have now passed the date for filing a response without paying additional government late filing fees, I wish to remind you that a response can be made up until January 7, 2005, with the payment of a \$600 fee, which includes the government late fee and our fees for petitioning for an Extension of Time on your behalf. If a response is not filed before January 7, 2005, the application will become abandoned and all rights will be terminated.

Kindly let me have your instructions regarding this application at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

  
William H. Wright

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November 1, 2004

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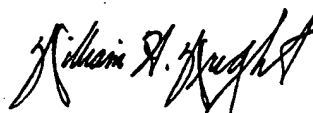
Dear Mr. Harlick:

On October 1, 2004, we wrote to you regarding an Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office with respect to the above identified application. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your convenience.

Since we have now passed the date for filing a response without paying additional government late filing fees, I wish to remind you that a response can be made up until November 7, 2004, with the payment of a \$200 fee, which includes the government late fee and our fees for petitioning for an Extension of Time on your behalf. From November 7, 2004, to December 7, 2004, the fee is \$400. From December 7, 2004, to January 7, 2005, the fee increases to \$600. If a response is not filed before January 7, 2005, the application will become abandoned and all rights will be terminated.

Kindly let me have your instructions regarding this application at your earliest convenience.

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October 1, 2004

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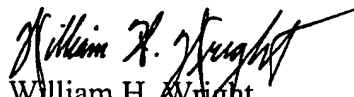
Dear Mr. Harlick:

On August 23, 2004, we wrote to you regarding an Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office with respect to the above identified application. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your convenience.

I wish to remind you that a response can be made up until October 7, 2004, with no late fee requirement. From October 7, 2004, to November 7, 2004, a response can be made with the payment of a \$200 fee, which includes the government late fee and our fees for petitioning for an Extension of Time on your behalf. From November 7, 2004, to December 7, 2004, the fee is \$400, and from December 7, 2004, to January 7, 2005, the fee increases to \$600. If a response is not filed before January 7, 2005, the application will become abandoned and all rights will be terminated.

Kindly let me have your instructions regarding this application at your earliest convenience.

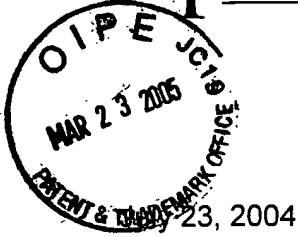
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RE: **United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/645,158**  
**Our File: 5-0117-017**

Dear Mr. Harlick:

We have now received the first Office Action in the above identified case wherein all of the claims have been rejected. This is not an uncommon response by the Patent Office at this stage of the proceedings. A response to the Office Action is due on or before October 7, 2004. A response can be made after October 7, 2004, and up until January 7, 2005, however, after we pass the October 7, 2004, date you will incur additional government late filing fees and Petition fees. If a response is not made before January 7, 2005, your application will go abandoned.

The claims are rejected in view of the Lithwick and Academic Superstore references. Please review the Examiner's basis for the rejections and give me your written comments. The focus on your comments should be on the accuracy of the Examiner's statements and how your invention is distinguishable from the teachings in the reference patents.

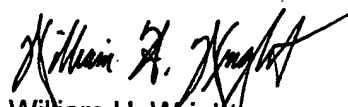
The alternative actions and estimated additional costs are as follows:

1. \$175 for review of the Official Action and this written correspondence.
2. Make no response to the Patent Office and allow the application to go abandoned. No additional charge.
3. Prepare an amendment to the Examiner's rejections. An additional \$975.
4. Prepare an amendment and schedule a personal interview with the Examiner. An additional \$1,350.

Upon a review of the file, my recommendation is alternative number 2 or 4. Our experience has been that the interview is well worth the additional expense.

**We must have your decision by September 7, 2004.** Upon receipt of your authorization and your retainer check in the appropriate amount, we will proceed. Please advise if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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